

Christian Hospitality Honors Christ

1. We See *Christian Hospitality* in Reception of Missionaries.

2. *Symbolic Prophetic Action* Contrasts Hospitality with Persecution.

3. These Positive/Negative Pictures Display God's Mercy.

CONCLUSION: Jesus welcomed His enemies at the cost of His own life. His disciples are to be marked by our gracious hospitality. We see that demonstrated in this passage through the disciples' reception of and care for Paul and his missionary band. How can we, through faith in Christ, extend that same kind of selfless hospitality to one another and those that King Jesus brings into our lives?

Romans 12:13

Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show *hospitality*.

Leviticus 19:33-34

“When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.”

1 Timothy 3:2-3

Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, *hospitable*, able to teach ...

1 Timothy 5:10

“ ... and having a reputation for good works: if she has brought up children, has shown *hospitality*, has washed the feet of the saints, has cared for the afflicted, and has devoted herself to every good work.”

Titus 1:8

“ ... but *hospitable*, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined.”

Hebrews 13:2

Do not neglect to show *hospitality* to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

1 Peter 4:9

Show *hospitality* to one another without grumbling.

Philippians 2:1-4

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility *count others more significant than yourselves*. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.